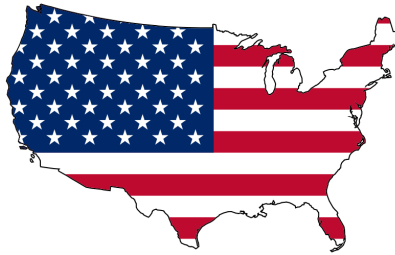


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#### **2. US Fund Helps Restore Ancient Frescoes in Macedonia**

Skopje, Macedonia — The fragile glory of the Early Christian frescoes at Stobi, Macedonia, is being preserved thanks to a grant from the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, ...

#### **3. G20 a Step Closer to More Sustainable Economic Growth**

The world’s major economies take a step toward better coordination of their economic policies. G20 finance ministers and central bankers strike a compromise on a set of indicators designed to warn governments about the risk of another financial crisis. ...

#### **4. Obama's Remarks Honoring 2010 Medal of Freedom Recipients**

President Obama recognizes 14 individuals as “agents of change” as he awards the Presidential Medals of Freedom during a White House ceremony February 15. ...

#### **5. President Ronald Reagan: A Legacy of Freedom in Europe**

As people celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of former President Ronald Reagan on February 6, it is increasingly understood that many of his foreign policies outlasted his presidency and continue to serve U.S. interests to this day. ...

#### **6. Young American Blogger Discusses Social Media's Power for Change**

American blogger Zerlina Maxwell and Palestinian students from An-Najah National University, in a video conference, discuss the power of social networking and blogging. Maxwell explains how Palestinians can use blogs, Facebook, Twitter and Youtube to reach out to global audiences. ...

**In case you missed it:**

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### ***The 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps***

Ambassador Reeker: "This year, the Peace Corps commemorates 50 years of promoting peace and friendship around the world." This year is also the 15th Anniversary of the Peace Corps in Macedonia.

- [video](#)



### ***Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society***

Secretary Clinton (Feb. 16): "I want to start by acknowledging the many brave people who could not be with us today because they are doing what civil society does. They are fighting for human rights and dignity."

- [story](#) [video](#)



## **Secretary Clinton on Internet Freedom**

Secretary Clinton (Feb. 15): "The course we chart today will determine whether those who follow us will get the chance to experience the freedom, security, and prosperity of an open internet." ...

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## **Our Global Commitment to Internet Freedom**

OP-ED by Ambassador Philip Reeker: "The principles of Internet Freedom are rooted in the openness of the platform so that the Internet can remain an engine of ideas, innovation, and economic growth."



## **DAS Tom Countryman Addresses Journalists**

Deputy Assistant Secretary Countryman met with Prime Minister Gruevski in Skopje February 10 before the PM's upcoming visit to Washington. The DAS also met with Branko Crvenkovski and Ali Ahmeti. [Video »](#)



## **Ambassador Reeker's Interview with A1**

The Ambassador discusses recent political events in Macedonia, highlighting the importance of Euro-Atlantic values, openness to constructive criticism and a vibrant civil society. [Video »](#)

## **Diversity Visa Lottery ("Green Card Lottery") Fraud Warning**

The U.S Embassy in Skopje would like to advise the public in Macedonia to beware of fraudulent mail, email, or telephonic ...

## **Call for Proposals: Alumni Grant Opportunities**

Two grant opportunities for Alumni of U.S. exchanges: the Annual Alumni Project Competition and Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund.

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